

Samuel May jr
Leicester, June 28 / 57.

Dear Mr. May;

I have been thinking daily, for
ten days past, of writing to you. —
But I have so much business
correspondence and other necessary
writing to do, that the writing of
letters to friends is a much rarer
thing with me than it used to be. —
I keep track of you all I can,
and always with interest. As you
didn't come to New York in May, I
was glad you went to Altam, and
that some good fruit appeared of your
going there. But I much regretted
to perceive that you were afflicted
with some illness on yr. way thither.
— I had a short glimpse of John
Edward yesterday, — just as the
Express train stopped a moment or two
at Worcester.

He told me that you were at the
Glen Haven Water cure, with Joe; —
and that you were intending to be
here, with him, at Commencement.

It would seem really cruel to
object to ~~him~~^{Joe's} having that pleasure;
but I pray that he will make his
visit to Cambridge a short one, on
that day, and get away before the
inevitable action of mind & spirit
shall exhaust his bodily strength. —

What I particularly have to
say is that my wife and I are
meditating a little tour, which
has been designed to include Syracuse
and a little visit to you all, and
perhaps (if agreeable, & really any
help to you) a Sunday's preaching.
Our plan has been to leave here July
8th or 9th — reach Syracuse in the course
of Saturday the 11th, and spend

Sunday the 12th with you & your family. But John Edward thought your visit to Cambridge would render it necessary that you should leave home before Sunday the 12th; in which case we could ^{perhaps} ~~probably~~ so time and order ~~the~~ our arrangements as to take Syracuse on our return.

We of course wish to have you at home whenever we do visit Syracuse. - Will you, dear Sir, have the kindness to drop me a few lines, to Leicester, (and as soon as convenient) saying what your arrangements for Sunday the 12th are; - that we may govern our movements with respect to Syracuse.

My wife has been very poorly indeed this spring. All through May, she was scarcely able to leave her room, - & for a number of days was wholly confined to her bed, - by the utter prostration consequent on a
Severe turn

of dyspepsia. For some 2 weeks
past she has been gaining fast, and
I have hoped that a little journey
^{will} ~~now~~ quite set her up. — We have
all felt a ~~very~~ lively sympathy with
you & Cousin Lucretia & all your
family, & especially with Charlotte,
in your great loss and affliction.
— Such trials are exceedingly hard to
bear. Charlotte appears to have met
her early and severe affliction in a
noble spirit, — which I trust will
be richly blessed to her in more than
mortal strength, and in such faith and
vision as shall greatly console her.

Our best love to all your family
to Joseph, and of course to yourself.
I direct this, at John Edward's advice, to
Glen Haven.

Sincerely, Wm J

Saml May Jr.